

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

PETITION OF RESIDENTS OF McCRACKEN)
COUNTY, KENTUCKY, REQUESTING A SURVEY)
TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR EXTENDED AREA)
TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN MELBER AND)
PADUCAH, KENTUCKY)

CASE NO. 7513

O R D E R

On July 3, 1979, the Commission received a letter from Mr. L. B. Otey, Melber, Kentucky, and an accompanying petition concerning the establishment of Extended Area Telephone Service (EAS) between Melber, Kentucky and Paducah, Kentucky. The Folsomdale Exchange of West Kentucky RTCC (West Kentucky) serves the community of Melber, with the Lowes Exchange of West Kentucky also serving a limited number of McCracken County subscribers. Paducah is served by South Central Bell Telephone Company (Bell).

After full consideration of this matter, including a public hearing on November 20, 1979, the Commission, by Order dated January 14, 1981, denied the petition for EAS. The Commission further ordered that a public hearing be held on February 18, 1981, at 1:30 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of receiving testimony relative to the consideration of relocating the telephone exchange boundary so as to place the McCracken County subscribers of the Folsomdale and Lowes Exchanges into the Paducah Exchange.

By Order dated January 22, 1981, the public hearing was rescheduled for March 18, 1981, and by Order dated January 23, 1981, the hearing

was again rescheduled for March 19, 1981, at 1:30 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky. This hearing was held as scheduled, and all parties of record were given the opportunity to be heard.

At the public hearing petitioners presented a statement signed by a majority of the McCracken County subscribers of the two involved exchanges requesting that the boundary line change not be accomplished, since local telephone service to Graves County subscribers in the two exchanges would be lost if the change were made. Additionally, a letter was filed by one of the subscribers, Mr. Jerry Adams, in which he requested on behalf of the petitioners that the boundary change not be ordered by the Commission. Mr. Adams also requested that Optional Calling Plans (OCP) be tariffed which would allow subscribers in the Lowes and Folsomdale Exchanges to call Paducah without incurring the normal intrastate toll charges.

After considering this matter, including the public hearing and all correspondence of record, and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

- 1) Petitioners have stated that they do not desire to be relocated into another exchange area, and therefore the proposed boundary change should not be ordered;

- 2) Petitioners have also stated their desire for OCP as an alternative to the normal toll rates in order to allow them to be able to call Paducah; and

- 3) West Kentucky should be required to have South Central file OCP tariffs which will accomodate the needs of the petitioners.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order, West Kentucky RTCC shall have filed, through South Central Bell Telephone Company, Optional Calling Plan (OCP) tariffs and rates for Folsomdale and Lowes subscribers to call Paducah, to be effective within thirty (30) days of filing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the OCP tariffs filed shall include two (2) plans: residence only, one-way, off hours, and residence or business, one-way, all hours.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That West Kentucky RTCC shall, within thirty (30) days of Commission approval of the OCP filing, inform its subscribers in the Folsomdale and Lowes Exchanges via the use of bill inserts of the availability, conditions, and rates of the approved Optional Calling Plans.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 6th day of April, 1981.

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Marlin M. Voh
Chairman

Did Not Participate
Vice Chairman

Don Harrison
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary